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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS

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1. SECTION 515 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 HAS BEEN
AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE A STRUCTURE FOR OVERSEAS PERFORMANCE
OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS. IN GENERAL,
THE STATUTE AUTHORIZES MAAG-TYPE FIELD OFFICES STAFFED BY
U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN CERTAIN SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED
COUNTRIES, INCLUDING JORDAN, AND LIMITS TO NOT MORE THAN
SIX THE NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO CAN BE ASSIGNED
TO PERFORM SUCH FUNCTIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. ALL SUCH
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PERSONNEL SERVE UNDER DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF
AMBASSADOR. IN ADDITION, THE STATUTE PROHIBITS PERFORMANCE
OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS BY DAO EXCEPT
IN INDIVIDUAL CASES WHERE PRESIDENT DETERMINES THIS IS
"MOST ECONOMIC AND EFFICIENT MEANS OF PERFORMING SUCH
FUNCTIONS."

2. THE EXCEPTION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITION ON PERFORMANCE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS BY DAOS WAS JUSTIFIED TO CONGRESS ON THE BASIS THAT IN SOME COUNTRIES THE SMALL SIZE OF THE PROGRAM ARGUED AGAINST SETTING UP SEPARATE OFFICES. DAO AMMAN OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT FIT RATIONALE FOR STATUTORY EXEMPTION REGARDING DAOS DESCRIBED ABOVE. ACCORDINGLY, A PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION IN THIS CONTEXT COULD RESULT IN CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM AND, ULTIMATELY, EVEN MORE RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION.

3. SINCE CONGRESS HAS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED A FIELD OFFICE FOR JORDAN AND HAS LEFT EXECUTIVE BRANCH WITH DISCRETION ON THE ORGANIZATION'S STRUCTURE, STATUS AND NAME, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO PRESENT DAO PERFORMANCE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON SUCH POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, AND WOULD WELCOME OTHER EMBASSY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. VANCE

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